

**ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT  
HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM  
HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL**

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

**Project Title:** Statewide bighorn sheep survey request

**Project No.** 08715

**Region/GMU:** 6A, 15, 27, 37A, 42, 43B, and 45

**HPC:**

**Project Type:** Survey

**Project Description:**

Conduct surveys of bighorn sheep to determine status:

Unit 6A – 3 hours for post-release monitoring

Unit 15 – 45 hours for health monitoring

Unit 27 – 6 hours to post-release monitoring of Pipestem and Bear Canyon releases

Unit 39 – 6 hours for post-release monitoring at Buckeye Hills

Unit 43B – 16 hours for monitoring for potential release stock

Unit 45 – 30 hours for monitoring Kofa herd

106 hours total

**Wildlife Species to Benefit:** bighorn sheep

**Possible Funding Partners:** Kofa National Wildlife Refuge (30 helicopter hours)

**Implementation Schedule:**

**Beginning:** October 2009

**Completed:** November 2009

**NEPA Compliance:** (if applicable)

**Completed:** Yes \_\_\_\_ No X \_\_\_\_

**Projected Completion Date:**

**PROJECT FUNDING**

**SBG Funds Requested:** \$97,520

**Cost Share Funds:** \$27,600

**Total Project Costs:** \$125,120

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

**Applicant:** Brian Wakeling

(please print)

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**AGFD Contact and Phone No.**

(If applicant is not AGFD personnel)

**Coordinated with:**

**Date:**

**Applicant's signature:**



**Date:** September 1, 2008

WAS PROJECT PRESENTED TO THE LOCAL HPC?      YES \_\_\_\_\_      NO X\_\_\_\_\_

HAS PROJECT BEEN SUBMITTED IN PREVIOUS YEARS? IF SO WAS IT FUNDED?

No.

**NEED STATEMENT/PROBLEM ANALYSIS:**

Supplemental surveys of bighorn sheep are necessary to monitor recent translocations, source stock for translocation, and other populations that are suffering declines from predation, drought, or disease.

**PROJECT OBJECTIVES:**

Determine herd status for a variety of bighorn sheep populations.

**PROJECT STRATEGIES:**

Conduct helicopter surveys of bighorn sheep herds to determine population demographic parameters.

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

Units 6A, 15, 27, 37A, 42, 43B, and 45

**LAND OWNERSHIP AT PROJECT SITE** (Please state specifically if PRIVATE PROPERTY and provide landowner's name):

Varies, primarily USFS or BLM

**IF PRIVATE PROPERTY, IS THERE A STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LANDOWNER AND THE DEPARTMENT?**

**HABITAT DESCRIPTION:**

**ITEMIZED USE OF FUNDS:**

See list of hours by unit; cost estimated at \$920/hour which includes fuel truck and ferry time.

**LIST COOPERATORS AND DESCRIBE POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION:**

ADBSS, Kofa NWR

**PROJECT MONITORING PLAN:**

**PROJECT MAINTENANCE:**

**PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT TO BE FILED BY:**

Will be included as part of the annual performance reporting by district wildlife managers.

**WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (see attached worksheet):**

**TREE SHEARING (AGRA-AXE, PUSH) PROJECTS (see attached worksheet):**